



Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good first week back as we start Term 4.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. You can contact me at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk between 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday for queries and questions. Also Lauren my PA can be contacted at lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk. Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

World Book Day-

This term all Aspire Schools will be celebrating World Book Day.

Our ASPIRE WBD - like last year - will be on **Friday 8th March**.

We have £1 Book Tokens to give out, so please look out for those from your offices and in your children's bags.

With the cost of living being so high at the moment, we are offering two options for dressing up on the day - **their favourite character dress-up OR pyjamas and their favourite book**. We appreciate that some children will already have costumes, but others may not and we understand how expensive WBD costumes can be.

We have included some official World Book Day links to items like resources, how the vouchers work and where to use them, as well as fun reading activities you may like to do at home with your child/ren.

They are as follows:

WBD family resources - share a story corner with free video books, World of Story audiobooks and MC Grammar World Book Day songs

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

Also how to redeem your World Book Day token which your children will have brought home,

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>
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as well as participating retailers with an interactive map on the link below

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/participating-retailers/>

And some fun reading activities

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There isn't a donation attached to WBD, so all we're asking is for children to dress up like their favourite book character or pyjamas to celebrate the day.

Ulcombe Kitchen-

I am pleased to say that the kitchen at Ulcombe has now reopened so all schools will now be back to receiving the full menu.

Please see attached menu for a reminder of daily meals/options.

The Pod-

Please see attached two useful posters of information regarding 'the pod'.

This is an NHS website full of helpful workshops and links to useful sites providing information on Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy.

Please do have a look as it may give some useful tips of things that you could try with your child for additional support.

There is also a free advice line to call where professionals from Children's Therapies are reading and waiting to help with supporting your child, whether a referral to one of their services could be needed and advice on whether to re-refer your child.

Please again see poster for more information - **0300 123 7004**

Parental Survey-

The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents/carers and expectant parents, to determine interest in the childcare entitlements that are being introduced this year and their arrangements for wraparound care of any primary school aged children. The survey will also gather the views of parents/carers using or wanting to use more childcare in Kent.

This combined information will help KCC to assess where there are gaps in provision.

Please complete the survey with the QR code if you access or want access to childcare in Kent. Thank you.

Online Safety-

Please see the attached Poster with useful tips to help keeping your children's online devices safe.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to those of you who took part in the vaccination clinic. It was a huge success with 24 vaccinations given. This is a huge step in the fight towards reducing and eradicating childhood diseases.

This will become an annual event and I am pleased to say that the next one will include infant vaccinations too. Please contact Emma Masters at any point if you would like to know more or information around contacting a healthcare professional surrounding this issue.

Thank you to Emma Masters for arranging this.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Kind regards,
Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher

